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Applicants : Nancy BOOK et al.

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Examiner:

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For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ROUTING TERMINATING CALLS TO
VOICE MAIL

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 4,893,329 to O'BRIEN, which issued on January 9, 1990;

U.S. Patent No. 5,140,626 to ORY et al., which issued on April 18, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,159,626 to BAUM et al., which issued on October 27, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,475,737 to GARNER et al., which issued on December 12, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,966,437 to COX et al., which issued on October 12, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,104,799 to JAIN et al., which issued on August 15, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,163,606 to OTTO, which issued on December 19, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,215,857 to KASIVISWANATHAN, which issued on April 10, 2001;

and

U.S. Patent No. 6,233,330 to McCLURE et al., which issued on May 15, 2001.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/619,312 to BHANDARI et al., entitled "System and Method for Providing Remote Access to Telecommunications Services", which was filed on July 19, 2000. Applicants note that this document is discussed on pages 14 and 30 of the specification of the instant application; and

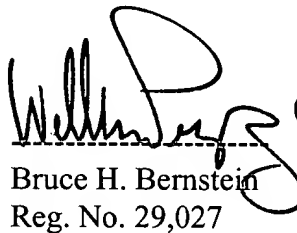
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/716,276 to ADAMS et al., entitled "System and Method for Implementing and Accessing Call Forwarding Services", which was filed on November 21, 2000. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 14 of the specification of the instant application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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